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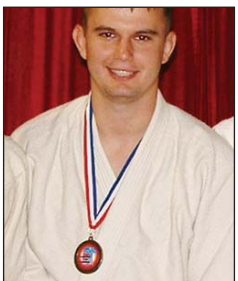
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## Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

Depicted in hours	11th Bomb Squadron	2d Bomb Squadron	3d Bomb Squadron
Goal:	351.4	130.7	288.6
Flown:	119.2	50.2	82.5
Remaining:	232.2	80.5	206.1
As of:			
Oct. 8	-10.7	+9.3	-19.9

Courtesy 2d Operations Group

## Weekend Weather

Today	Saturday	Sunday
Isolated Showers	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
Hi: 65 Low: 50	Hi: 69 Low: 41	Hi: 74 Low: 49

Courtesy 26th Operational Weather Squadron

## Dining facility receives upgrade funds

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK  
THE BOMBARDIER

Anyone feeling that lunchtime urge to visit the Red River Inn dining facility may have noticed one side or the other is shut down due to repairs.

However, after the north side re-opened, people are seeing the difference.

"It's great. Now you can sit anywhere and be able to see the television — instead of everyone cramming up close to them to see," said Airman 1st Class Athena Ezernack, 2d Medical Operations Squadron.

The dining facility recently received

more than \$150,000 for equipment needed to prepare food and other necessities such as the benches and tables in the seating areas.

"People can see what we've done on the side that's already open," said Master Sgt. Jonathan McClinton, 2d Services Squadron. "We're creating a better atmosphere for people to eat in with the plasma televisions and new furniture."

In addition to some of the more noticeable improvement such as the new televisions to entertain people as they enjoy their meals, is a new menu display system. "We'll be replacing the old displays with a scrolling marquee for the

menus," Sergeant McClinton said.

The facility also purchased new equipment that will help in meal preparation.

"We're in the process of getting new items for the kitchen such as steamers, ovens and kettles," the sergeant said. "Bringing in the new equipment will make it easier to prepare food, so we'll have better control over our products and we'll be able to prepare a wider variety of products."

"The people who prepare the food will also have a better sense of pride for what they're doing when we get the new equipment," Sergeant McClinton said.



Airman 1st Class Trina Flannagan/2d CS

**Easy does it:** Master Sgt. Michael Kaplan, 2d Communications Squadron base multimedia manager, assists Staff Sgt. Ben Hackenberg, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operator, in unloading a payload from a forklift during the Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise Tuesday.

# Welcome Col. Frank Padilla

## Hispanic Heritage Gala guest speaker





# Base members do well during CORE

## Airmen stayed focused on TWO Vector, mission excellence

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER  
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

We finished our Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise this week — what an outstanding learning experience. I am especially proud of the way the wing stepped up to the plate and made this exercise as realistic as possible.

Every warrior displayed a clear sense of urgency as they went about their critical mission tasks. Each of you made this simulated deployment happen, lending a hand when needed and never cutting corners. Your superb work ensured the job was done right the first time, every time. We stayed true to our TWO vector and remained “totally focused on mission excellence!”

The number one wing goal that supports the “T” in our vector is “accomplish 100 percent of our warfighting and training commitments.” The 2d Bomb Wing took a huge step this week toward strengthening our ability to rapidly and effectively deploy. After our training emphasis week and this week’s exercise, every unit and individual warrior in the wing should be able to meet that goal.

We achieved success, thanks to a culture of discipline, reliance on tech orders, operating instructions and checklists while meeting safety and security standards. The exercise certainly had many rocky moments, and we have many areas we can improve. I am convinced, however, that we have built a culture based on good decision-making and accountability. We own up to our mistakes, fix them and make sure we take the lessons learned so we do not repeat our errors. It is the right way — the ONLY way to do business in the Mighty Deuce.

Though we are on the right path, I do have some concerns. We recently sent a number of our warriors to the theater without some of their critically-required equipment, weapons and required training. This is unacceptable. Once again, I know mistakes will happen, but deploying members into a combat



zone is the most dangerous thing we do, and we must execute this task perfectly every time. Every person must know their requirements and every supervisor and commander must double and triple check to make sure our deployers have the tools and training they need to meet the challenges of expeditionary operations. There is no room for error — our warriors’ lives depend upon this attention to detail and we cannot afford to fail.

So, your job as a leader, supervisor and warrior is to make sure you and every person you supervise is ready — we have had our “just-in-time” training, and we must be ready on a moment’s notice to deploy, employ and win. This is the only way the 2d BW can be “first in peace, first in war, first to victory!”

## Movie theater, traffic issues addressed

**Q** uery: While my family and I appreciate the value of watching movies on base, the current theater has very uncomfortable seats. Also, it’s very difficult to see around a person who is sitting directly in front of you because the angle of the floor isn’t steep enough. Are there plans to build a new base theater?

**R** esponse: Unfortunately there aren’t any plans at this time to renovate or build a new base movie theater. This is the first concern I’ve heard that the seats were uncomfortable. We will look into the possibility of upgrading the seats and feasibility of renovating or building a new base theater.

**Q** uery: I’m calling about the dangerous traffic flow coming on base at the West Gate. There was only one lane of traffic coming on base and cars going North and South on the highway were not giving the right of way to people coming on base.

**R** esponse: Throughout the past year we have been working hand-in-hand with the city and state to make this intersection safer. The city removed barriers on Barksdale Blvd and we are working to change light timing and turn lanes while putting my #1 safety concern into action: installing railroad “crossing arms” to protect against another train-motor vehicle accident.

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actionline@barksdale.af.mil

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller  
2d Bomb Wing commander

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# Saluting our civilian employers

BY BRIG. GEN. JACK IHLE  
917TH WING COMMANDER

In addition to our families, we in the Air Force Reserve have to address the needs of our civilian employers. Our reservists continually juggle their availability between their families, employers and the Reserve. The only reason we can continue to be a significant partner in the “Total Force” is due to the strong backing of America’s employers.

With the need to mobilize reservists after Sept. 11, 2001, many employers demonstrated support for this national crisis by offering continued benefits, pay differentials and additional creative forms of family support. These generous actions have not been without significant sacrifices. I’m

proud to say that I have not received one phone call from any employer complaining about his employee being activated and serving our country.

It’s not just a one-way street, as employers like to have military members on their team. Military employees are trained to be leaders and managers. They know the importance of integrity and respect and what it means to be accountable for valuable resources. Many military employees get technical training that relates directly to their civilian job and usually possess a “can-do” attitude. They know the value of being in top physical condition and the employer can count on a drug-free employee.

During our October drill weekend, we invited employers to visit our unit and see firsthand what their employee does

for the Air Force Reserve and our nation. It is important our employers know and understand our mission and how it contributes to the overall mission of the Air Force. One member of the group made my day when he said, “I was never keen on my employees leaving for military duty. I now realize this is a small inconvenience and it helps me pay my dues for the life I lead.”

Our civilian employers have earned the deepest appreciation of our military for their unswerving support. Without this continued support, we could not maintain a strong military or sustain the current effort to overcome the international terrorist threat directed at our country, our citizens, and all who love freedom. Their direct contributions and support are another illustration of America’s greatness as a nation.

## No pain campaign: striving for zero mishaps in future

BY LT. COL. BRUCE WAY  
2D BOMB WING SAFETY CHIEF

Last month, the 2d Bomb Wing capped off its 180-day No Pain Safety Campaign with a wing-wide safety day. For one day, the Mighty Deuce did not fly, fix or support any aircraft. Instead, the wing reflected on its safety performance over the last six months and highlighted some challenges for the future.

Capt. Luke Lokowich of the 20th Bomb Squadron thought up the No Pain name, which stands for “Notice Others, Prevent Accidents, Injuries and Near Misses.” The name was chosen from a host of other great suggestions because it underscores the key to mishap prevention — personal involvement by leaders, supervisors, and individuals at all levels.

Personal involvement requires leaders to hammer the importance of safety and technical order compliance, ensure supervisors know their people and make sure they are prepared for the hazards they face on and off duty, and that individuals take responsibility to make sound decisions grounded on solid risk management.

So, how did we do?

The good news is that Barksdale made significant progress, slashing reportable ground mishaps by almost a third from the same period last year. We held the line on flight and weapons as well, with no Class A or Class B mishaps in either category, and posted a seatbelt compliance rate of more than 99 percent. For these achievements, we should all be justifiably proud.

What’s the catch?

Despite all our efforts, we still fell short of the 50 percent mishap reduction target directed by the secretary of defense. We continued to have mishaps caused or aggravated by poor risk management. One out of every 100 people still hasn’t heard the message that seatbelts save lives. Worst of all, two valuable members of Team Barksdale were killed this past year and will never again be able to contribute to the wing’s vital mission.

By far, the single most important goal of every 2d BW safety day is to highlight the most significant hazards facing our members so we can tackle them head on.

At the last safety day in May, Barksdale Airmen from nearly every organization identified the lack of railroad crossing guards at the main gate as one of

the biggest dangers we face. Soon, thanks to hard work from people across the base and local community, that danger will be eliminated forever.

This time, the focus was on pedestrian safety and road sharing. Barksdale’s traffic spaces are host to a huge variety of users, from cars and motorcycles to cyclists, runners, and even the occasional squirrel. Some of these users are harder to spot than others, a fact that motorcycle riders know all too well.

Lighting conditions, visibility, contrast, obstructions, distraction and speed all play a role in our ability to see and avoid other traffic. The problem comes when all the factors stack up to make evasive action impossible in the time and space available. The wing and group commanders are all poised to do their part to attack this problem, but they can’t do it alone. Real progress will take the commitment of each and every member of Team Barksdale.

What can we do?

A good start would be to follow some simple, time-tested rules of thumb our moms and dads all taught us when we were kids. Watch where you’re going, look both ways before you cross the

street, don’t walk, run or ride a bike in the middle of the road, use crosswalks, and make sure you are visible to others. Aside from that, we can all try harder to pay attention when we’re out on the roads, regardless of our means of transport, and assume that every other person out there will do the worst possible thing, at the worst possible moment. Mental preparation is critical, particularly for the pedestrian or motorcyclist squaring off against a two-ton truck.

Finally, patience is as much of a virtue on the road as it is in life. Slow down and take that extra second to let the little old lady cross the street. Look at that next yellow light as a chance to take a break from the traffic, rather than an invitation to mash the gas pedal into the carpet.

Safety may not be paramount, but a solid safety culture helps us accomplish the mission while preserving the wing’s priceless resources. We have done well, but can do even better. With the steadfast commitment of leaders, supervisors, and individuals at every level, we will meet the secretary’s 50 percent target on our way to our ultimate goal — zero mishaps — and truly be second to none!





# Barksdale members earn CSAF award

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Barksdale Formal Training Advanced Communications Team earned the Air Force Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award last week in Washington, D.C.

The award promotes a systematic approach for enhancing mission capability, improving operational performance and achieving sustained results while maximizing efficiency. Outstanding team performances are recognized and best practices are shared throughout the Air Force community.

Increased communications requirements due to mission changes are driving the emphasis on the advanced communications systems in the B-52. These requirements include talking with Air Operations Center members and ground forward air controllers for updated cruise missile or joint direct attack munition target coordinates in the combat area, as well as acting as a communications relay from front line ground units to command elements and other aircraft.

The 11th Bomb Squadron, charged with all formal training of B-52 combat crewmembers, is particularly burdened by these requirements as they conduct initial and upgrade qualification for nearly 200 students per year.

Lt. Col. Parker Northrup, 11th Bomb Squadron commander, values this award because of the weight it carries in the Air Force community.

"This award is important because it is the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's

way to recognize those that can identify a problem, find a solution and implement it," the colonel said. "Anytime we can win an Air Force level award for the Airmen who are getting the mission of training B-52 crewmembers and maintainers done is a good thing; it lets them know their hard work is being recognized."

Led by Colonel Northrup, the Formal Training Advanced Communications Team, representing five units across seven functional areas and three major commands, developed a communications suite consisting of two identical labs with actual aircraft radios and antennae. This enabled a more efficient method to train aircrews and maintenance people on the new advanced communications equipment on the B-52.

These labs allow students to accomplish radio training in a real time environment without impacting flying resources, a previously impossible task. The team then developed 25 hours of courseware, computer based training, hands-on trainers and realistic combat training scenarios for students to practice in the labs before they train in the aircraft.

The team saved \$50 million across the future years' defense plan by enabling increased training requirements without a commensurate increase in flight hours, while costing only \$700,000 to implement. In addition, the initiative freed up 144 maintenance hours a year and 96 instructor man-hours a year.

This initiative also enabled maintenance bench testing of defective communications equipment in the lab before sending it to depot for rebuilding. More than \$600,000 in maintenance funds were saved in the first 18 months of lab operation on just one communications device alone.

Further benefits of this initiative include use by defense contractors, Air Force units outside Barksdale, and the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron to test and evaluate new communications systems and components prior to installation in the aircraft.

According to the team, due to overwhelming success in this area this initiative has been identified as the standard in the acquisition community for developing, testing and fielding future communications systems. In fact, similar labs have been created, in whole or in part, at Boeing Aircraft Company and the 49th TES.

Identified by the Air Combat Command Inspector General as an ACC best practice last fall, the ACC/IG made the Formal Training Advanced Communications Program a benchmark for all Combat Air Force Formal Training Units. The program was then selected this spring by the ACC as one of two programs in the command to compete for the Air Force Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award.

The team was one of only 15 teams from the Air Force to be selected to compete for the award. The Barksdale team presented a briefing to a panel of general officers and was selected as a

winner. The FTACT Team initiative is also identified as an Air Force-wide best practice.

Colonel Northrup was happy with the performance of the team.

"The team proves to me what I have seen over and over again ... give individuals the opportunity to solve critical issues and they will get it done," Colonel Northrup said. "Perhaps, the best way to sum up the experience is to borrow from General George Patton, Jr., 'Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do, and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.'"

The team members from the 11th BS were Col. Northrup, Lt. Col. Paul Skowronek, Lt. Col. Douglas Fuller, Maj. Bryan Roundtree, Capt. Robert Billings, Capt. David Lyle, Capt. Ted Duncan, 1st Lt. Robert Martin and Senior Airman Robert Schut. Master Sgt. Marc Biren and Technical Sgt. Brett Barrow participated from 372d Training Squadron, Detachment 5 at the Air Education Training Command. Master Sgt. Aaron Dyer, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was another member of the Mighty Deuce that was part of the team. Col. Thomas Curby-Lucier, Lt. Col. Christopher Tipsword and 1st Lt. Gabriel D'Amico, represented the ACC Training Support Squadron, Det. 13. Maj. Luke Pingrey from the 31st TES, Edwards AFB, Calif., worked with the team as well. The civilian members of the team from the NLX Corporation were Ms. Cynthia Baldwin, Mr. Robert Fleming, Mr. William Pedeaux, and Mr. Donald Perrero.



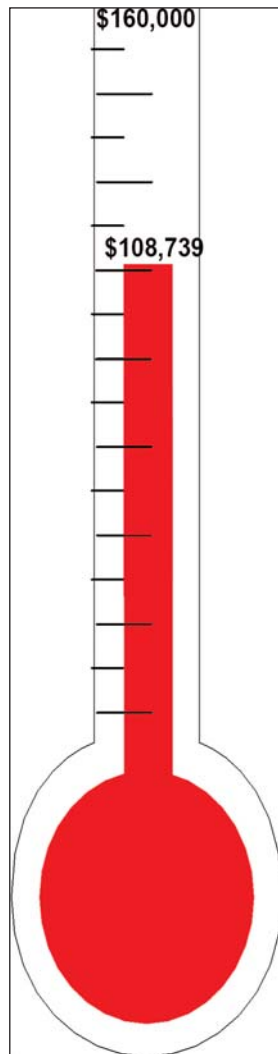
## As of Oct. 8

**Total number of contributors:** 1100

Barksdale is more than halfway through this year's Combined Federal Campaign period. Included below are a list of local organizations available to receive contributions:

- American Red Cross Northwest Louisiana Chapter
- The Arc of Caddo-Bossier
- Boy Scouts of America, Norwela Council
- Barksdale Youth Activities
- Barksdale Family Services
- Civil Air Patrol Shreveport Senior Squadron
- Lifeshare Blood Centers
- Providence House
- Goodwill Industries
- Shreveport — Bossier Community Renewal
- Hap House
- United Way of Northwest Louisiana
- Highland Center Foundation

For for a complete listing or more information about CFC and making donations, contact the base CFC project manager Maj. Barry Hill, 2d Medical Operations Squadron, at 456-6730.



## Civilians earn civil engineer awards

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY  
THE BOMBARDIER

Two civilians from the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron recently earned Air Combat Command-level awards for their excellence.

Ms. Malina Mathews, resources flight chief and 2d Mission Support Group resource advisor, was named ACC Outstanding Civil Engineer Civilian Manager, and Mr. Charles Chapman III, chief engineer, received the ACC Federal Engineer of the Year Award for the civilian category.

Ms. Mathews was excited about her award selection, but was also quick to credit her peers for the help they give her.

"I was thrilled when I found out and very surprised," Ms. Mathews said. "I never expected to win given all the stiff competition from the bases within the command. It felt good to get the recognition because it's a reflection of how hard our squadron works. Although I won the award, there is no way I could have earned it without all the support from my flight, fellow flight chiefs and my supervisors."

Col. Colleen Duffy, 2d MSG commander, recognizes why Ms. Mathews received her award.

"As my MSG resource advisor, Ms. Mathews is my right hand when it comes to ensuring the entire group is tied together with a solid financial plan," Colonel Duffy said. "For the past one and a half

years I've been the 2d MSG commander, she has taught me more about working through resourcing issues than I could ever believe. It is because of her solid and informed advice to me that all of 2d MSG has benefited in being able to get what they truly need to ensure the 2d Bomb Wing's mission is accomplished."

Mr. Chapman's work as a leader within the Mighty Deuce is seen easily by squadron leadership.

"As the engineering flight chief, Mr. Chapman has done a superb job at providing leadership to the professional staff who is responsible for programming and designing construction projects that affect the whole base," said Mr. Ray Knee, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron deputy commander. "These efforts include managing \$30 million in construction projects for the fiscal year."

Mr. Chapman, who supervises a staff of 35 engineers, technicians and project managers, said he "didn't expect to win the award this year." However, he thought it was "pretty cool" despite the complexity of some award processes for selection.

"Award programs are very important to recognize those individuals that deserve kudos for their work, although sometimes it does take a lot of time to put together an award package," Mr. Chapman said.

The awards were presented during the annual Civil Engineer Commander's Conference Oct. 5 through 9.



# ‘Operation Hero’ helps children understand deployments

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

Dealing with deployments can be difficult, especially for children; their mother or father is fighting a war instead of the monster in the closet. The entire process may be difficult for children to comprehend.

So the Family Support Center is filling that gap with Operation Hero Nov. 6th at Hoban Hall.

“We have Operation Hero to help children better understand the deployment process,” said Tech. Sgt. Jason Kaiser, Family Support Center readiness NCO.

The day’s activities include a processing line where the children get their face painted and participate in 2d Security Forces Squadron’s Project Kid Care. There will also be an explosive ordinance disposal display and a K-9 demonstration.

“Normally EOD brings their robot and some of their equipment so the children

can see what they do,” Sergeant Kaiser said.

The children will also receive dog tags and an ID booklet in the processing line.

“The ID booklet is part of the 2d SFS’s Project Kid Care; they make a booklet which has the child’s fingerprints and photo in case they disappear. It helps the police identify the child quicker,” Sergeant Kaiser said.

Participation is limited to the first 100 participants who sign up and they must

enroll prior to Nov. 6.

“Parents must enroll their children, they cannot just show up,” Sergeant Kaiser said. “The children must also be accompanied by an adult or designated caregiver that will be responsible for them during the event.

“Volunteers are also needed for the event,” he added.

Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to enroll your child or sign up to volunteer.

## 2d BW family member to attend leadership conference

BY 2D LT. VALERIE DECKER

2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A 2d Bomb Wing family member was selected to participate in the National Young Leaders Conference Tuesday through Oct. 24th. The NYLC is a leadership development program for high school students that demonstrate leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Valerie Cuffie, daughter of Master Sgt. Kathy Cuffie, 2d Comptroller Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Darryl Cuffie, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was selected as one of 400 outstanding students across the United States to attend the NYLC in Washington, D.C.

She is working hard now so she can fulfill her dream of attending Dillard University in New Orleans and major in pre-law.

“I feel very privileged and honored to have been selected among 400 outstanding scholars,” Valerie said. “I hope to get a first-hand look at our nation’s capitol from a congressional viewpoint and learn more about how our government works.”

The NYLC offers students the opportunity to interact with a variety of people within the three branches of government, news media and the international community.

While academic promise is the first consideration in selecting participants for the conference, students who contribute to the special strength and character of the conference are also selected, Valerie’s mother said.

Sergeants Kathy Darryl and Cuffie are incredibly proud of their daughter and are hopeful this opportunity will help Valerie achieve her future goals of becoming a federal prosecutor.

We think this experience will make her well-rounded and it will give her the experience of dealing with other people throughout the country, as well as broaden her horizons, the sergeants said. Although Valerie is already a confident young lady, the nomination itself was enough to boost her self-esteem and improve every aspect from her life, emotionally and academically.

Directors of the conference hope the students will learn to build coalitions with one another and exercise their own leadership skills within their communities.

“We often hear from members of Congress, political appointees and members of Washington’s press corps that it is a privilege to meet and interact with students like Valerie Cuffie because they are the face of our country’s future,” said Mr. Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the conference.

Valerie was also chosen for Who’s Who Among American High School Students, the National Honor Roll and is a member of the Parkway Marching Band Drumline.

Although Valerie has had many supporters and contributors helping her get to the conference, she says her number one supporters have always been her parents. “My parents have always supported and encouraged me in everything do. My mom has been preparing me for college from birth it seems,” Valerie said. “My mom is always looking for ways to help me excel and motivating me to go above and beyond what school requires.”

For more information about the conference, visit their Web site at [www.cylc.org](http://www.cylc.org).





# Five Barksdale Airmen punished under Art. 15

2D BOMB WING LEGAL OFFICE

Five Barksdale airmen received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice from Sept. 23 through Oct. 6.

An airman first class assaulted another Air Force member. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman and 30 days correctional custody.

An airman failed to go to work on time. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$669 a month for two months, and 45 days extra duty.

An airman first class dishonorably failed to maintain sufficient funds within his bank account and checks were returned from AAFES as unpaid. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture

of \$150 pay a month for two months, and 15 days extra duty.

A senior airman possessed an altered military identification card. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$250 a month for two months, and 30 days extra duty.

A staff sergeant authorized the misuse of a government-leased vehicle and the use of a General Services Administration Fleet Card to purchase fuel, and authorized the improper storage of arms and ammunition while serving as NCO in charge of an honor guard TDY. Punishment: reduction to senior airman and forfeiture of \$100 a month for two months.

No airmen were discharged under the Rapid Airman Discharge program during the above time frame.

## MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

**Unit:** 2d Mission Support Squadron

**Family:** Husband, Maj. Elliott Jourdan, 8th Air Force; son, Elliott Jr., 18 months

**Past assignments:** Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.; Randolph AFB, Texas; Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea; and Hickam AFB, Hawaii

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in business from Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif.; master's degree of business administration from Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.; master's degree in defense decision making and planning from the Naval postgraduate school

**Off-duty time is for:** Reading, exercising and spending time with family

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family and cooking

**What challenges do you see as a commander?** My challenges as a commander are very similar to those of other commanders. There is a great Air Force mission to accomplish and despite the high operation and personnel tempo and sparse resources, I need to ensure that I take care of my people to ensure we contribute to the accomplishment of that mission. Mission support is more than paperwork and rule books. It is about mission, and it's about family — our own and our extended Air Force family. Both are critical nodes in accomplishing our collective mission.

**Goals:** With personnel transformation in the forefront of our future planning, as a mission support squadron commander, I need to ensure that as our business evolves, we continue to educate our people and our customers such that there is no lapse in mission or morale. I plan to continue to build on the foundation of excellence left to me by my predecessor to de-



**Maj. Rose Jourdan**

velop and cultivate the existing talents of the men and women of the 2d MSS, to give them the tools, inspiration and confidence to succeed, and eliminate obstacles to their success.

**What makes a good Airman outstanding?** An outstanding Airman is a team player that takes pride in his or her work, is dedicated to the mission, appreciates the contributions of others, and recognizes that what he or she does for the Air Force is important and valued.

## News briefs

### Hispanic Heritage Month gala

The Hispanic Heritage Month gala is at 6 p.m. today at the enlisted club. Dress attire is civilian semi-formal. For tickets and information, call Senior Master Sgt. Rudy Ruelas at 456-8479. Tickets are \$17 for club members and \$19 for non-club members.

### Commander's call

The 2d Mission Support Group commander holds two commander's calls for those units who fall under the group Tuesday at the base theater at 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Saturday openings

The Military Personnel Flight ID card section opens Nov. 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for servicemembers requiring ID Cards, Common Access Cards, or dependent ID cards. Call Mrs. Charlotte Hikes at 456-3710 for more information.

### Military Day

The Brown E. Moore Headstart program seeks Barksdale volunteers to assist with their Military Day event Oct. 26. Interested individuals can contact Ms. Phyllis Carter, center director for Brown E. Moore Headstart at 682-3933.

### Reading volunteers

C.E. Galloway Headstart program staff invites base members to read to students Oct. 26 and 28. Interested members can contact Mrs. Sharon Moore, center director, or Mrs. Jacqueline Davenport at 425-1199. The school address is 335 East Olive Street in Shreveport.

### ALS events

Airman Leadership School Class 04-H holds their graduation banquet Nov. 3 at the enlisted club. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Dress attire for the event is mess dress for officers, mess dress or semi-formal for enlisted and casual evening wear for civilians.

Reservations are required through the students at

456-4739. Class 04-H hosts a drill presentation Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. on the drill pad located in front of the academic building. The chiefs versus Class 04-H students volleyball challenge is Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. at the ALS gym.

### Air Force Club Card program

The Air Force Club Card program updates its systems platform Oct. 28. The system switchover is scheduled Oct. 27 through Nov. 1, and will impact several processes affecting club members including members' inability to make payments on their accounts at base clubs, on the Internet or by phone. Accounts and balances are available for viewing only on the Bank One website. For more information, contact Mr. Paul Gotshall, Barksdale Clubs manager at 456-4467.

### AFI 32-7064 revision

Barksdale Air Force Instruction 32-7064, Integrated Natural Resources Management, contains some new revisions including the following: during force protection conditions Charlie and Delta, hunting is prohibited; waterfowl hunting on base closes at 4 p.m. each day; archers must report harvests to Natural Resources or 2d Security Forces Squadron's game warden as directed in paragraph 10.1.9.8. of BAFI 32-7064.

The deer hunting area located west of Flat River is designated as a Trophy Management Area; all bucks harvested in this area must meet the requirements of the Quality Deer Management program and additionally, have a minimum inside antler spread of 13 inches; all hunters must harvest a doe in the TMA prior to harvesting an antlered deer in the TMA. For more information, refer to BAFI 32-7064 or call Natural Resources at 456-1963.

### ESOH CAMP outstanding performers

The following base members received honors for their work during an Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program evaluation held Sept. 20-24:

From the 2d Munitions Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Revis Gay, Staff Sgts. Rickey Brandenburg and Derick Arnold, and Senior Airman Bryce Carroll; Mr. Alan Mitchell, Navy Resident Office in Charge of Construction; 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron — Master Sgts. Laymon Sasser and Richard Jelinek, and Tech. Sgt. Scott Allen; 917th Maintenance Group — Master Sgt. Roger Suiter; Mr. Ralph Gammons, 2d Services Squadron; and Airman 1st Class Carl Mansfield, 2d Communications Squadron.

### Shipping pets

Department of Defense regulations limit pet shipment to passengers in a permanent change of station status. Pets are defined as dogs and cats only. Travelers are limited to two pets a family. Veterinarians should evaluate pets to ensure they are fit for air travel. Remember, pet owners are responsible for obtaining all required documentation, immunization and border clearance requirements, and should prepare to defray all costs associated with shipping a pet. Fees are charged on a per kennel basis.

Pet kennels used for shipping must be approved for air shipment. Kennels that are too small, soft-sided or collapsible will not be accepted at gateways. Call the Traffic Management Office at 456-0165 for more information.

### Flu shot

Department of Defense officials anticipate a delayed arrival of the influenza vaccine. When the vaccine shipment arrives, military members and high-risk individuals will have priority. For information regarding local sites who are distributing the vaccine, call 2d Medical Group's public health at 456-6578.

### Honor guard

Staff Sgt. Willie Graham from the 2d Security Forces Squadron is Barksdale's new honor guard NCO in charge, and Master Sgt. Anthony Blake, 2d Services Squadron, is the superintendent. For information on becoming an honor guard member, call 456-5246.



Tech. Sgt. Denise Rayder/2d CS

**Reach out and touch someone:** Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander, discusses the Veterans of Foreign Wars Operation Uplink Program with Mr. Ken Kovall of VFW Post 5951. The program provides pre-paid phone cards to deployed troops free of charge and is one of many troop morale programs the VFW manages. The local post sent 400 cards to Barksdale members currently deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

## Fall is clean-up time

**Editor's note:** The following are a few helpful reminders and base policy designed to educate and protect those living in base housing during the winter months.

- Rake up the leaves and clean up the yards; put away the outdoor equipment, and prepare for the winter; bag all leaves and place them next to refuse containers; do not rake them into the streets
- Leaf and debris burning are prohibited on base
- Portable heaters, electric or propane, are not allowed in any building, including family housing
- Furnaces, boiler, hot water heater and air conditioning rooms are not to be used for any type of storage
- All air conditioner and furnace filters in base housing must be checked and cleaned every 30 days and replaced as necessary. Filters are available through the self-help store
- Do not tamper, adjust, or turn any main gas control valves
- Check all smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries as necessary. Carbon monoxide detectors are available at the self-help store
- Occupants must be familiar with the fire reporting telephone number 911. Give the fire alarm operator name, house number, and street name. Make sure the operator receives correct information before hanging up. Report all fires, regardless of size
- Design a home fire evacuation plan with primary and alternate routes of escape; establishing and practicing the escape plan as a family activity may save the lives of loved ones
- Pet owners must provide proper housing in accordance with the new Installation Pet Control Procedures, Barksdale Air Force Instruction 32-1
- Pets must not deposit feces on neighbors' yards or common areas. The pet owner is responsible for cleanup in case of an accident
- Pet owners must supervise and restrain pets at all times, either in quarters, on a leash, or in a fenced area

Failure to maintain these requirements — and if the incident is reported through official channels — will result in the 2d Mission Support Group commander ordering the removal, either temporarily or permanently, of the animal from the base within seven days of notification. For more information, call Lt. Col. Thomas Tighe or Lt. Col. Boykin Jordan at 456-2225.





# BEHIND THE SCENES

BY SENIOR AIRMAN EBONY NICHOLS  
917TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Some landed safely, and some crashed and burned, in A-10 simulator flights.

The simulator flights just one of the experiences employers of reservists encountered during the 917th Wing Employer Appreciation Day 2004 on Oct. 2.

Once a year, members of the 917th hope to give their employers a better understanding of what their workday is like during a normal unit training assembly and how it contributes to the overall Air Force mission.

In the military, members get an early understanding of just how important it is to make their superiors happy. As reservists, it is even more important to maintain good rapport with their civilian employers.

The day started off with reservists welcoming their civilian employers with a morning reception, followed by an information briefing on the Air Force Reserve and the importance of weekend warriors.

"Basically, I wanted my employer to better understand the demand of the Reserve and the importance of the overall mission," said Maj. John Farraro, 917th Explosive Ordnance Flight commander.

Many employers were excited about witnessing how their employee contributes to the defense of America, while others were mainly interested in their reservists' accomplishments during a regular unit training assembly.

"I was interested to know more about what goes on in the Air Force. I always hear about it, and thought it would be quite interesting to see," said Mr. Mark Wilson, an assistant manager for Wal-Mart who accompanied Staff Sgt. Michele Collison, 917th Logistics Readiness Squadron inventory management clerk.

Following a morning briefing, employers were given a presentation of the B-52 and A-10. The employers also had the opportunity to sit in the cockpit and view other areas of the aircraft. After visiting the static displays, employers separated into groups and were whisked away to three stations geared to show them how different organizations complete the mission.

The employers' first experience began with the 47th Fighter Squadron's Life Support office.

Tech. Sgt. Steve Shockley, aircrew life support attendant, showed employers the equipment that pilots use and illustrated possible scenarios they may encounter during flight.

"The best part was seeing night vision and wearing the goggles," said Ms. Susan Sayes who accompanied her husband Mr. Aubrey Sayes, Plain Dealing Middle/High School principal, and Lt. Col. Bill Reynolds, chief of 917th Wing Military Equal Opportunity. "I was also very amazed by the equipment pilots wear,"

she said.

The second station for employers was the A-10 simulator full-mission trainer. Members watched their employers try their hand at flying and landing the aircraft.

"It was very neat and a great experience to simulate flying the plane," said Mr. Kenny Chance, a manager from Applied Industrial Technologies who Staff Sgt. Wade Janes, chaplain assistant with the 917th Wing Chaplains Office sponsored for the day.

After employers tried their hands at piloting, they moved on to the fire arms training simulator where they were given the quick-and-easy on loading, charging, holding and firing the simulated M-16. During the various scenarios, employers tested their accuracy on firing the weapon in a hostile environment.

"It (FATS) was awesome," said Ms.

Tracy Harris, a Newton Smith Elementary School principal and civilian supervisor to Master Sgt. Orlisa Johnson, 917th Medical Squadron medical services attendant. "It gave me a greater appreciation for what servicemembers do."

Employers experienced a brief stint of performing in various career fields and then ended the day touring their employees' military work areas.

"Every month I have to let them (reservists) off, and now I know how they are working," said Mr. Sylvester Marshall, who accompanied Tech. Sgt. William Hannah, 917th Maintenance Operations Squadron maintenance operations controller. "I've noticed that reservists and guard members are better employees. They are easy to give orders to."



Senior Airman Ebony Nichols/917th Wing PA Mr. Mark Wilson and sponsor Maj. Brady Glick, assistant operations officer for the 47th Fighter Squadron, view an A-10 cockpit during Employer Appreciation Day.



Tech. Sgt. Sherri Savant/917th Wing PA Maj. John Farraro, 917th Explosive Ordnance Flight commander, shows Mr. Mel Esmacher, project engineer for General Electric how to operate an M-16 using the Firearms Training Simulator during Employer Day 2004.





# Cajun Warrior Attitude

**Catch it!**

**Family:** Husband, Robert; stepson, Jon; daughter, Heather; niece, Samantha; nephew, Jonathon

**Hometown:** Blanchard, Mich.

**Unit:** 917th Maintenance Operations Squadron

**Job title:** B-52 aircraft maintenance scheduler

**Job description:** Plan and schedule aerospace vehicle maintenance and utilization requirements. Develop, plan and establish production schedules to meet mission requirements. Prepare weekly, monthly and quarterly utilization schedules for known maintenance and operational mission and training requirements

**Most rewarding job aspect:** Being able to help people achieve their goals

**Goals:** To finish college

**Hobbies:** Crochet, watch movies and spend time with my family

**What motivates my winning attitude:** The ability to achieve goals that I set myself

**Favorite TV show:** CSI

**Favorite sports team:** Michigan Wolverines

**Favorite meal:** Sesame chicken and shrimp dishes

**What I like most about Barksdale:** The BXtra



**Master Sgt.  
Susan Wilkerson**

**Best day of my life:** The day my daughter was born

**Pet peeve:** When people don't tell me the truth

**My best asset is:** My positive attitude and ability to communicate with people

**Most influential person in the Air Force to you and why:** Master Sgt. Scott Allen, my supervisor in Korea, for teaching me to take care of my people

## 917th MOS at a glance

Squadron commander:  
**Maj. Chris Evers**  
First sergeant:  
**Master Sgt. Chris Lee**

917th Maintenance Group commander:  
**Lt. Col. Harry Chrisman**  
Squadron motto:  
**Honor, pride and service**




present...

# Fall Festival

2 Live Bands Food & Drink  
Arts & Crafts Vendors  
Carnival Pumpkin Patch  
Judged Car & Bike Show  
Fun for the whole family!



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**Saturday  
Hoban Hall  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

## Services events

*For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at [www.barksdaleservices.com](http://www.barksdaleservices.com)*

### Football party

Enjoy the Tampa Bay Buccaneers versus St. Louis Rams football game Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the enlisted club. Guests who come are entered for a chance to win a trip to the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl in Honolulu, an X-box or a big screen television. Guests also get the first drink free with the purchase of the tailgate buffet.

### Home improvement class

The experts at Lowe's are teaching home improvement classes at the arts and crafts center. Learn the art of faux finish painting Nov. 2 or how to install ceramic tile Nov. 16. Classes begin at 6 p.m. and are free to base members. Call 456-5594 to reserve a spot.

### Lunar eclipse

Join outdoor recreation and Blue Moon Traveling Observatory for a viewing of the last visible lunar eclipse from earth until 2007. The lunar eclipse may be viewed Oct. 27 from 8 to 11 p.m. in the field across the street from Cullen Park. The Blue Moon Traveling Observatory allows participants access to binoculars and their 20-inch reflector telescope. Digital photography through the telescope is available for a minimal charge.

Cost is \$3 a person and free for children 5 and under. The deadline to sign up is Oct. 22. Call outdoor recreation at 456-7765 for more information.

### Business opportunity

Become a family child care provider and earn extra income while staying home. Training, equipment and supplies are free. Spouses living off-base and department of defense spouses may join. Licensing is mandatory for base residents who provide more than 10 hours of child care for other children. Call 456-8912 for more information.

### Fall preschool openings

Fall preschool still has openings for 3- and 4-year olds. Children must be 3 years old prior to Sept. 30. Two-day classes held Tuesdays and Thursdays are available from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Register Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. at the Part Day Enrichment Center. Bring immunization records, birth certificate, current leave and earnings statement and \$10 registration fee. Fees are based on total family income. Call 456-3776 for more information.

### Two-for-one lunch

Members can enjoy the mega buffet with a friend Mondays at the officers club. Bring a guest and the second meal is free. The buffet includes soup, salad bar, drink and dessert.

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### Retired member Fridays

The officers club salutes retired members every Friday night. Retirees buy dinner and get a second meal at half price.

### Wednesday steak for two

Enjoy two steak dinners Wednesdays at the officers club for \$12.95. All ranks are welcome. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. in the officers club dining room.

### Saturday prime rib

Enjoy prime rib for two each Saturday for only \$19.95. The meal includes choice of starch and vegetable of the day, au jus and horseradish sauce.

### Aero club open house

The Barksdale Aero Club hosts an open house and membership drive today. The event provides an opportunity for individuals wanting to learn to fly. During October, the Barksdale Aero Club waives the \$30 initiation fee.

The club selects three winners to enjoy a free hour of flight. Certified flight instructors are available to discuss the program. Free hot dogs and soft drinks are also available. Call 456-8179 for more information.

### Bingo buffet

The special of the month happens each Thursday at the officers club. Club members enjoy a free dinner buffet with the purchase of a pack of bingo cards during October; non-members pay half-price for the buffet during the month. The buffet is at 5:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday's jackpot was up to \$1,400. Bingo is every Thursday at the officers club. Members receive \$5 off a multi-card bingo pack. All ranks are welcome.

### State fair tickets

Gifts and Getaways has discount tickets to the 2004 Louisiana State Fair. The fair is open Oct. 22 through Nov. 7. Save \$2 a person on general admission tickets or all you can ride tickets by purchasing them at Gifts and Getaways, located in the BX mall.

### Halloween trip

A trip to the Screams theme park in Waxahatchie, Texas, is planned for Oct. 25. The park features four haunted houses, a haunted maze and more. Chartered bus transportation and entry to the park is included for \$50. Call 456-7765 to sign up.





## At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services' Web site at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). Movies are subject to change without notice.

Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of [www.movieweb.com](http://www.movieweb.com))



### "Anacondas: The Hunt For The Blood Orchid"

**Rated:** PG-13

**Playing:** Today at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 97 minutes

**Cast:** Johnny Messner, Morris Chestnut

**Synopsis:** A scientific expedition team is sent to the jungles of Borneo to search for a rare black orchid with hopes that the orchid can be used to unlock the secrets of youth and immortality. What they discover is the orchid is already being used by a powerful group ... a swarm of giant, hungry snakes.

### "Vanity Fair"

**Rated:** PG-13

**Playing:** Saturday at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 137 minutes

**Cast:** Reese Witherspoon, James Purefoy

**Synopsis:** Becky, the daughter of a starving English artist and a French chorus girl, is orphaned at a young age. As she leaves Chiswick, the young woman resolves to conquer English society by any means possible. She deploys all of her wit, guile, and sexuality as she makes her way up into high society during the first quarter of the 19th century.



### "The Cookout"

**Rated:** PG-13

**Playing:** Sunday at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 97 minutes

**Cast:** Ja Rule, Tim Meadows

**Synopsis:** When Todd Anderson signs a \$30 million deal with his hometown team, the New Jersey Nets, he knows that his life is set for a big change. To keep things real, he decides to throw a barbeque at his place — just like the ones his family used to have. When new and old friends, family, agents, and product representatives meet in the same house, things are bound to get crazy.

## Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Blvd., East  
Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

### Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Mondays through Fridays, noon

### Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon

Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

### Protestant Women of the chapel

The Protestant Women of the Chapel meet every second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Two annex.

### Brothers in Christ

The Brothers in Christ Protestant Men of the Chapel meet every Saturday at 6 a.m. in the Chapel Two annex.

## Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769  
Red River Inn, 456-8367  
Items subject to change

### Today

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks

Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

### Saturday

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs

Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

### Sunday

Brunch — Spareribs, chicken breast, oven-fried fish

Supper — Steak, beef stir-fry, turkey nuggets

### Monday

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork

Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

### Tuesday

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon

Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

### Wednesday

Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef

Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

### Thursday

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken

Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnitzel

### Oct. 22

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers

Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

## Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue  
and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.

Reservations required for all events.

### Costume party

A costume party is scheduled Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. for waiting families at the Family Support Center. People can enter the costume contest, play games, eat hot dogs and caramel corn and drink spiced apple cider. Reservations are required.

### Operation Hero

A mock deployment Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. was created to give children of active duty and reservists a better understanding of the deployment process. Children must be between 5 and 12 and accompanied by a parent. One hundred seats are available and reservations are required.

### Marriage checklist

If marriage plans are in the future, then come by the Family Support Center for a marriage checklist to help with the "To Do" list. It lists things to do before and after marriage such as obtaining a marriage license, planning a budget, chapel arrangements, ID cards, base decals, DEERS enrollment, and updating emergency data cards (DD Form 93), Tricare, life and auto insurance and legal considerations.

### Personal, family readiness briefing

A personal and family readiness briefing is scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center's Readiness Team provides information and support during this time of separation. This briefing is meant to prepare active duty, spouses, family members and significant others. Call 456-8400 for information.

### Pre-separation briefing

Retirement or separation can be filled with anxiety, excitement and lots of questions. Better preparation can lead to a smoother transition to civilian life. This mandatory briefing informs separating individuals of the resources available as they make this transition. Individuals should attend within the proceeding 12 or 24 months. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to schedule this important briefing.

### Survival guide to local employment

The survival guide to local employment provides important job line numbers, personnel phone numbers, employment agencies, major employers, and websites to assist separating individuals. Come by the Family Support Center and pick up a copy today. Call 456-8400 for more information.

### Air Force as a second language

This comprehensive handbook is a must for spouses new to the Air Force way of life. It defines commonly used acronyms and provides information on available local and Air Force programs and services. Come by the Family Support Center and pick up a copy.

## Heir force

Senior Airmen Larry and Mary Ann Villagomez, 2d Maintenance Squadron, welcomed daughter Floralyn Sept. 28.

Airman 1st Class Matt and Jeanetta Jerden, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, welcomed daughter Olivia Hope Oct. 1.

To announce your latest arrival, call 456-3241 or e-mail [thebombardier@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:thebombardier@barksdale.af.mil).



Sports shorts

Women’s basketball

The Barksdale women’s basketball team holds practice Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Sports and Fitness Center. Contact Kory Gibson at 456-8921 or Alayr’s Sampson at 456-8860 for more information.

Bowling special

The bowling center has a new Sunday special that includes unlimited bowling for three hours and a choice of the following meals: burgers, chicken strips, hot dogs, corndogs or grilled cheese with fries and a soda. Cost for two guests is \$29.29, cost for four guests is \$39.95 and cost for six guests is \$49.95. Additionally, if bowlers throw a strike when they have a red pin they win a free game of bowling.

Fox Run clubhouse

Construction on the new clubhouse is

underway at Barksdale’s Fox Run Golf Course. The old clubhouse and course are still open to anyone wanting to come out and play but parking is limited.

Skateboarding trip

Outdoor recreation hosts a skateboard outing to Holy Roller Skate Park in Bossier City. The trip is Oct. 30 and the deadline to sign up is Oct. 29. Cost is \$6 and includes admission to the park and transportation. Guests ages 18 and under skateboard from 2 to 6 p.m. and those 18 and over from 6 to 10 p.m. Helmets are required and are available to rent. Guests may bring their own. Call 456-7765 for details

Martial arts classes

Tae kwon do and iai jujitsu are available Mondays through Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m.at the youth center. Cost is \$45 a month and family rates are available. Call 456-3448 for information about the classes.

Judo Club wins seven medals

STAFF REPORTS

The Barksdale Judo Club entered their first tournament Sep. 25. Nine competitors fought in the “Gentle Wind” Regional Judo Tournament near Baton Rouge. For most of Barksdale’s competitors, this was their first competition.

Judo instructor Mark Duffield, commander of the 548th Combat Training Squadron, started the club.

“I am really proud of how well our members did in this tournament,” Duffield said. “Our competitors worked hard to get ready for this tournament, and, while some of them were nervous, everyone did their best.”

At the end of of competition, the Barksdale Judo Club sent seven of nine competitors to the podium to receive medals.

Six-year-old Chas Duffield took second place in his division. He defeated two opponents, but lost one of his bracket-round fights when he got reckless.

“I think he got a little overconfident going into his second match,” Chas’ father said. “He defeated his first opponent pretty easily, but forgot that with each fight he was coming up against increasingly tough opponents who had also won their fights.”

Olivia Valley, nine-year-old daughter of Lt. Col. Florence Valley, 2d Medical Operations Squadron commander, took a bronze medal in her division.

“This was Olivia’s first tournament and she did great. She is one of our strongest juniors in practice. All of her matches were really close,” Duffield said. “We are going to work with her in practice and pit her against stronger opponents. I expect that it will help her do well in upcoming tournaments.”

The two Holland brothers, 6-year-old Nick and 8-year-old Alex, fought in their respective age divisions. Alex took third place while Nick took fourth, just outside the medal awards.

In addition to the four junior competitors, the team also entered five senior players. James Stegin, a white belt from the 11th Bomb Squadron, competed in the men’s heavy-weight division. Stegin suffered a shoulder injury in his first match when his opponent executed a poor technique resulting in Stegin impacting the mat on the point of his shoulder. He had to withdraw from the tournament.

Stegin is sidelined for a couple of weeks while his shoulder heals.

Sean Chuplis, from the 20th Bomb Squadron, also competed in the senior men’s heavy-weight division and took first place.

“Sean did fantastic,” Duffield said. “He was on fire and most of his matches were against far more experienced players. I couldn’t have been happier with his performance.”

Daniyel Mills, from the 608th Air Communication Squadron, was another white belt senior competitor. He won his first match very quickly with a full-point throw. In his second match, he suffered a disqualification for contact to the face during mat work.

“He was attempting a choke hold on his opponent when the infraction occurred,” Duffield said. “He had some inadvertent contact with his opponent’s face.”

The loss dropped Mills out of the running for first place. He went on to place third in his bracket.

Jennifer Stacy was one of two female competitors from the club at the tournament. She fought in a three-woman bracket of very evenly-matched competitors, with both of her matches going the full time of four minutes. When the bracket scores were tallied, all three competitors had an even score of one victory and one loss and the points calculations were also dead even. The tournament directors were left with the option of re-fighting the bracket or awarding a three-way tie for first place. They chose the later, awarding Jennifer a gold medal.

“She earned it, she was exhausted after her matches,” Duffield said. “Most matches do not go the full time. There is usually a decision prior to the end of the time. Eight minutes of full speed Judo is enough to tire anyone.”

Henry Lee, from the 2d Munitions Squadron, took the silver medal in his first tournament by defeating three out of four opponents in his bracket. Lee’s performance in this tournament was very strong, especially considering the experience level of most of his competitors.

The Barksdale Judo Club plans to compete in another tournament in November.

“We are going to work out really hard to prepare for the next tournament. Now that we’ve had a taste of what one-on-one competition is about, we’ll go into this next tournament smarter than the last one.” Duffield said.

Intramural football scoreboard

Security Forces and 11th Bomb Squadron forfeited two of their games and dropped out of the league. Therefore, each team gets a win to make the number of games, even the teams that did not face off against SFS or 11th BS.	CS #1 AMXS MDG MXS MUNS CES MSS/MOS CS #2 20th BS 8th AF LRS AWC/SVS	W 7 6 6 5 5 4 4 4 3 3 2 1	L 0 0 0 1 2 2 3 4 3 4 4 6
Standings as of Oct. 13			